

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is a fuser member, including fusing apparatus and electrostatographic methods which employ the fuser member, which has improved wear resistance and a reduced tendency to contaminate with toner particles. The fuser member comprises a core and a pliant coating thereon. The coating comprises a base cushion layer comprised of a first elastomeric composition, with a surface layer thereover comprised of a second elastomeric composition. The hardness of the surface layer is equal to or less than the hardness of the base cushion layer. In embodiments, the surface layer further comprises a particulate silica filler in an amount of about 10 volume percent or less, based on total volume of the surface layer.